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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Attached are my comments on this subject.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to urge that the Department of Justice settle the long prosecution of the Microsoft Corporation. As a consumer, I am more than satisfied that I have not been harmed and in fact have greatly benefited from the products and practices of this company. No one disputes that they dominate the software market for PCs in many areas but, at least in my opinion, no one has shown that they have used their position to unfairly price products or prevent others from competing.

Microsoft has agreed to the terms of the settlement and has demonstrated their willingness to change business practices and give more access to competing companies. It seems to me that they have agreed to more than was fair and what was specified in the original suit. Prolonging this settlement will only hurt the consumer, prevent a good company from developing new and innovative products for the consumer and end up costing the tax payer millions.

This suit has gone on already much too long. There are other priorities (like a recession, unemployment and the war against terrorists. Please use your good offices to pressure my state and the others who are holding things up to desist and let us all get back to business. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Dale Cook*

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